follows.

Claim 31, line 2 after "atm." insert -at 23°C-.

Claim 40, line 15, delete "defined in claim 1".

52.(Amended) A film, as defined in claim 51, wherein [said blend comprises 50 to 85 weight % of] said first polymer comprises 50 to 85 weight % of said blend.

Claim 63, line 15, delete "defined in claim 51".

Claim 76, line 1, after "comprises" insert -both-.

Claim 83, line 1, after "comprises" insert -both-.

89.(Amended) A process, as defined in claim 86, wherein said [blend comprises at least 50% of said] first polymer comprises at least 50% of said blend.

91.(Amended) A process, as defined in claim 86, wherein a multilayer primary tube is made by coextrusion or coating lamination and said resultant biaxially stretched film comprises:

a heat sealing surface layer comprising a polymer selected from the group consisting of: (a) at least 50% by weight of a copolymer of propene and at least one α-olefin selected from the group consisting of ethylene, butene-1, methylpentene-1, hexene-1, octene-1 and mixtures thereof having a propene content of at least 60 wt. %, and (b) at least 50% by weight of a copolymer of ethylene and at least one α-olefin selected from the group consisting of propylene, butene-1, methylpentene-1, hexene-1, octene-1 and mixtures thereof having a melting point of at least 105°C and a density of at least 0.900 g/cm^3;

an intermediate layer;

a core layer comprising at least 80% by weight (based on said third layer's weight) of at least one copolymer of: EVOH; or vinylidene chloride with from 2 to 20 weight percent (based

on said copolymer's weight) of vinyl chloride or methyl acrylate; and

an outer protective surface layer;

wherein at least one of said intermediate and said outer protective layers comprise [said blend defined in claim 77] a polymer blend of at least three copolymers comprising:

25 to 85 weight percent of a first polymer having a melting point of from 55 to 95°C comprising at least one copolymer of ethylene and octene-1;

5 to 35 weight percent of a second polymer having a melting point of from 115 to 128°C comprising at least one copolymer of ethylene and at least one α-olefin; and

10 to 50 weight percent of a third polymer having a melting point of from 60 to 110°C comprising at least one copolymer of ethylene and a vinyl ester or an alkyl acrylate; wherein said first and second polymers have a combined weight percentage of at least 50 weight percent, said weight percentage being based upon the total weight of said first, second and third polymers, and said core layer is disposed between said intermediate and said outer protective layers, and said film has a maximum ram puncture force of at least 100 Newtons, a hot water puncture resistance of at least 100 seconds at 95°C and a hot water seal strength of at least 200 seconds at 95°C.

REMARKS

Applicants claim the benefit of the filing date of the additional priority application number 09/110,455, filed July 7, 1998 and amend the application to insert reference to this copending application.

The claims are amended to correct typographical errors, remove redundancies, improve clarity and insert referenced